ESTABLISHED 1840. MEMPHIS, TENN., TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1877.

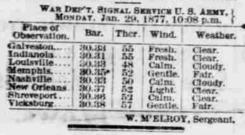
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CLOSING RATES Yesterday of cotten and gold: Licerpool cotton, 6 7-8d. New York cotton, 13 1-8c New Orleans cotton, 12 3-8c. Memphis cotton, 12 1-4c. New York gold, 105 5-8. Memphia gold, 105,

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WAR DEPT., OFFICE CH. S19. OFFICER, WASHINGTON, January 30. I a.m. Indications in western gulf States, Tennessee and Ohio valley, falling barometer, easterly and southerly winds, rising temperature, partly cloudy or cloudy weather and rain areas, succeeded in first section by rising

OBSERVATIONS YESTERDAY.



SENATORS EDMUNDS, Morton and Frelinghuysen, Republicans, and Representatives Payne, Hunton and Abbott, Democrats, were selected by caucas of their respective parties last night as members of the electoral com-

A TRLEGRAM to the effect that Mr. Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia, had died in Washington, at an early hour yesterday, received by us at noon yesterday, was subsenoon, stating that he was improving. A later one, received at midnight, reported him in a comfortable condition, with no immediate Fire department. comfortable condition, with no immediate danger of a fatal result.

MR. LITTLEFIELD, one of the clerks of the Louisiana returning bard, refused to answer questions before the Morrison investigating committee in Washington yesterday relative to the changing of Democratic majorities to Republican majorities. One J. H. Murphy, however, testified to statements made to him (Murphy) in person by Littlefield that Govsuch changes. The committee, at the con-

attorneys for the members of the Louisiana

spectable as the gathering of so many people at such a time admits of.

in the day, and coming as a last-hour gift, office and stretch forth our hand to the man whose magnanimity to Lee and his soldiers guration of Tilden and Hendricks and justice

IT WILL shock our citizens this morning to effect a radical and permanent cure, or that our citizens shall be so terrorized and pardoubled in numbers, at least. If that is not done, and crime continues to increase at its present ratio, in self-defense we shall have an uprising of the people, with all the conse

CITY AFFAIRS.

The Proposition to Repeal the City Charter Reviewed-The Budget and Expenses of Last Year.

Suggestions of Remedy for the Evils Complained of-How the Debt Claim and Expenses Can be Met.

The General Council Ought to be Cur Down, Registration Ought to be Had, and Flippin's Plan be Enforced.

EDITORS APPEAR in your issue of the centy-fifth instant i notice a petition and a bill (as you call it), "Memphis to be blotted ul—a new way to pay old debts." This cing matter of much importance must be my excuse for asking to discuss the subject through year columns. I will first notice section seven of the bill fixing the tax to be levied for carrying on our municipal government. The assessed value of real and perment. sonal property in the city is about \$22,000,-000. The entire amount that would be real-ized, as provided by section seven, is 66 cents on the hundred dollars, thereby producing a revenue of say \$150,000 to pay the police, fire departments, paying and lighting, making no provision for public schools, hospital, board of health, public square, markethouses, salaries quently contradicted by one received at twenty minutes to three o'clock in the afternomical as any that preceded it for years, is

This was based on an assessessed value of

\$396,400

about \$23,000,000, at \$1 60 on the \$100, of which about \$266,000 was expended, leaving unappropriated \$120,000 (principally from exnor Wells had ordered Littlefield to make the improvement and contingent fund). The such changes. The committee, at the conclusion of Murphy's testimony, agreed that Littlefield should be reported to the house for not answering questions propounded.

The cleaning of our leading thoroughfares which has been carried on for some days with which has been carried on for some days with every promise tout our streets, in that respect, will be presentable during the Mardi-Gras festivities, is creditable to our city au-the new bill would produce about \$22,000. The budget of last year for this purpose was But we hope they wil not confine \$25,000, and not found sufficient for this nation. the good work to the streets alone. The side-walks and alleys, many of them, are in a danmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's departmearly \$30,000. The

A RUMOR prevailed in Washington last of Main street, a large amount of which ught that Messrs. Shellabarger and Wilson, night that Messrs. Shellabarger and Wilson, work is not yet done. our Nicolson pavement requires annually for many years, a large outly to repair with rock returning board, now in contempt of the house of representatives, had made application for a writ of habeas corpus, the return for which was fixed for to-day. There seems to be no doubt that the application was made to one of the judges of the supreme court of the District, but up to a very late hour the clerk of the court had not issued the writ. clerk of the court had not issued the writ.

Chief-Justice Cartier, it is believed, was applied to and refused to grant the writ.

be totally insufficient. And now, sirs, I will address myself to the real gist of the new bill, or, as your head lines say, "a new way to posed to making a separate treaty of peace with the Porte, either on account of secret advices from Russia or from a fear that Montenegro will refuse the proposals of Turkey to poy old debts." The petitioners pray to always and thus become the future leader of the

in the hope that the managers of the balls, as we believe they will, will give to the public, as well as to "Inquirer," the pledge and guarantee so necessary to secure respectable guarantee so necessary to secure respectable guarantee managers of the balls, as well as to "Inquirer," the pledge and guarantee so necessary to secure respectable guarantee guarant patronage. The Memphi ball has always city. Again, two-thirds of the population of jealousy exists between the two principalities. been, and always will be, an exceptionable Shelby county reside within the corporate and recherche affair. So was the first given by the Uiks at the Greenlaw Operahouse.

We hope it will be afforded us to say that all of which the city's portion is twenty-two milthe balls this Mardi Gras were made as re- lion six hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars. These facts and figures show con-clusively that while the city pays the lion's share of the taxes, she has but a small voice

THE full text of the President's message then, would it be just or reasonable that this accompanying his approval of the electoral bill will be found in another column. It affords us pleasure to be able for once to agree with his excellency, and to recognize in him an ability to appreciate the patriotism of his is to govern so large a majority of both. The body should manage our city affairs? Do an ability to appreciate the patriotism of his is to govern so large a majority of both. The political opponents and the demands of the levy of taxes in the new bill would produce, people. General Grant's administration has say \$150,000. It must strike any fair-minded citizen that the amount would be todisplays. It has rather been noted for vin-dictive and unnecessary partisanship, inexcusable, and, toward the south, un-paralled by anything of which sense of our people, but, on the contrary, they desire to meet their just liabilities on a history gives any account: yet, though late fair and equitable basis, or a fair compromise of our debt; and were it not for the many disasters the city has met with, and the imwe willingly bridge the years of his term in mense shrinkage in her assets; the maladministration of some former city govern-ments; the epidemics, from which her trade will live in the hearts of the people of the south when the President shall, we hope, be titude to ask at the hands of her creditors any forgotten. Now for a fair count, the inauindulgence. But the course of some of our guation of Tilden and Hendricks and justice creamors, by their vexations legal proceed-to the people of South Carolina and Louisiana.

perated and maddened our people that they are forced and determined to seek some re-lief from impending rain to their property. read the list of murders and attempted mur-They cannot be blamed for seeking redress from the intolerable burdens bearing upon We give them with such circumstantiality of detail as was available to our reporter, and deeply regret that neither the public voice, the presence of law and justice, nor the fear of punishment has had any effect in staying an epidemic which threatens either of two things—an uprising of the people (always to be deplored) to make such examples as will be deplored to make such examples as will six per cent, per annum, say on thirty year bonds, and provide far the proper mainte-nance of the city government, let us see what our assets are, and how much it would cost alyzed by crime as to confess their per annum. The assessed value of real and incapacity to compel obedience to law, and surrender to the criminal classes. To this type of \$452,000. I estimate from rents, alarming condition have we been brought, markets, elevator, street railroad line, but us as it in justice to our authorities, not forfeitures, inspectors, etc., etc., about \$20,for want of vigilance on the part of our police, nor for want of energetic and vigorous prosecutors, but solely because the police force is not strong enough to afford that overshadowing moral restraint which is, after all, more potent and efficient to prevent have no doubt for cash 20 percent, less would not strong the police force. The two parties came in collision on the outskirts of the town early yeslater all, more potent and efficient to prevent have no doubt for cash 20 percent, less would really more potent and efficient to prevent have no doubt for cash 20 percent, less would really more potent and efficient to prevent have no doubt for cash 20 percent, less would really more potent and efficient to prevent have no doubt for cash 20 percent, less would really more potent and efficient to prevent have no doubt for cash 20 percent, less would really more potent and efficient to prevent have no doubt for cash 20 percent, less would really more potent and efficient to prevent have no doubt for cash 20 percent, less would really more police force. The two parties near his door. This asserties instant, at Timmonsville. B. C. Holloway, the Chamberiain trial-justice, was shot by unknown parties near his door. This asserties and the Chamberiain trial-justice, was shot by unknown parties near his door. This asserties and the Chamberiain trial-justice, was shot by unknown parties near his door. This asserties and the Chamberiain trial-justice, was shot by unknown parties near his door. This asserties and the Chamberiain trial-justice, was shot by unknown parties near his door. This asserties and the Chamberiain trial-justice, was shot by unknown parties near his door. This asserties and the Chamberiain trial-justice, was shot by unknown parties near his door. This asserties and the Chamberiain trial-justice, was shot by unknown parties near his door. This asserties and the Chamberia trial-justice, was shot by unknown parties near his door. This asserties and the Chamberia trial-justice, was shot by unknown pa all, more potent and efficient to prevent have no doubt for cash 20 per cent. less would all, more potent and efficient to prevent have sufficed, or, say about \$213,000; add to crime than the law to punish it. We, this the interest on the bonded and floating therefore, insist that our police force shall be debt (6 per cent.), \$150,000—making a total deabled in numbers, at least. If that is not of \$363,000. The case would stand thus: or gross revenue, \$472.000, which would leave a surplus revenue of \$109,000. These figures show what a two-per-cent, basis would accomplish. It would not be safe, in my description of the process of the pr

hibition, there hould be but one government hibition, there could be but one government for the management of our affairs (inside the corporate limits) by the people and property-holders resident or owning property therein. Second—The legislature should lavy a tax of — per cent, on all values, to be collected by the county trustee (or an officer appointed by the city), sufficient for all purposes; this would relieve us from our mandamus annoyances and costs. It should be enumerated how the tax shall be applied and to be read. how the tax shall be applied, and to be used only for the purposes therein stated, under a

only for the purposes therein stated, under a severe penalty.

Third—The city council to be composed of ten aldermen—one from each ward—to be elected in the mode and manner already presented in the charter and possessing the necessary qualifications. They should be allowed a small compensation, and should be composed of our ablest and best citizens. The present general council, in my judgment, is too large and unwieldly—a smaller competent body could accomplish more. The time of election to be fixed by law.

Fourth-There should be enacted a rigid registration law, requiring voters to be bone fide residents of the city one year, and ninety or sixty days in the ward, before election, and registered at least thirty days before voting. The register should be appointed by the governor, on the recommendation of the mayor and judges of the court, with power and authority to administer oaths and take evidence to satisfy him as to the qualification of the person applying for registration.

Fifth—The powers and duties of the fire and police commissioners should be more clearly

Sixth--The large amount of taxes past due he cause of much embarrassment. now due the city from \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000. This is a great injustice to the prompt faxpayers. Some remedy should be applied and enforced. The present charter contains many good enactments, conditions and restrictions, and should be repealed except as above.

The plan proposed by Mayor Flippin of scaling our debt, on a sixty-cent basis, at an interest of four, five and six per cent. per annum, and his views of the cost of adminisration, comes rather below the figures I have named; he provides for a sinking fund. If the taxes should be collected, there is ample margin left for such a provision. Hoping some judicious measures may be devised and adopted to relieve our tax payers, I remain,

THE EAST.

Everything Uncertain-The Peace Party Apprehensive of Foreign Influence-Doubts about Servia.

Russia's Silence Accounted for-Turkey Making Overtures to Austria-England's Intentions Unknown, Etc.

that Prince Gortschakoff, the Russian chancellor, has tendered his resignation. He favors an energetic policy and a declaration of war against Turkey. The car, Alexander, is said to be startled at the idea of the empire's isolated position in such an event, but notwithstanding he hesitates to accept the resignation. Count Schouvaloff is named as the walks and alleys, many of them, are in a dangerous and very filthy condition, and need immediate attention. A visit by the health officers, and some sanitary directions, we think, are in order. Better now than in hearty \$30,000. The budget for last year for public improvements and engineer's department was \$150,000. The revenue under the new plan would produce about \$44,000, leaving a directions, we think are in order. Better now than in have sufficed, but the amount is none too have sufficed, but the amount is none too have sufficed, but the amount is none too have sufficed but the leaves the new plan would produce about \$44,000, leaving a directions, we have sufficed, but the amount is none too have sufficed but the leaves the new plan would produce about \$44,000, leaving a directions, we have sufficed but the prince in a different light. He says that St. Petersburg advices confirm the report recently circulated of Prince Gortschakoff's failing health. His condition is so bad that his death is expected to take place soon."

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situation is so complicated that it is impossible to form any opinion as to the probable result of the crisis in Servia. The Turkish envoy will shortly arrive in Belgrade to open peace negotiations there. The cabinet is in

plied to and refused to grant the writ.

EDITORS APPEAL—As Mardi Gras approaches, every well and hearty person desires to take part, and if you will refleve a doubt that exists to abolish the carried that the originators of the solve us back into the body of Shelby to take part, and if you will refleve a doubt that exists to abolish the charter, it carried the number in attendance at the balls among the majority, you will confer a great favor, and increase the number in attendance at the balls are gained to be given, and give satisfaction that no exception to be given admit all making application, indiscriminately, or will care be taken in fact, and not in promise) to see that negroes or roughs are excluded.

We give the above this conspicuous place, in the hope that the managers of the balls, in the hope that the managers of the balls, or will care be taken in fact, and not in promise) to see that negroes or roughs are excluded in the hope that the managers of the balls, or will care be taken in fact, and not in possible to a serving influence will prevent a conclusion of peace. It is improbable that Sclavs. The ministry oppose the convocation of the skuptschina, because they fear that the obly will be dispatched in making the called to a strict account for the supresciple of the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be called to a strict account for the will be calle A special from Vienna to the Daily News reports that in consequence of the refusal of France to send instructions for the proposed gendarmerie to Turkey, the Porte has made

overtures to Austria. A Paris correspondent of the Times states that the terms of the Russian memorandum to the powers were settled shortly before the conclusion of the conference, but when its result was foreseen, since the conference carefully examined into the election in Duval closed, however, hesitation seems to have arisen, which explains Russia's silence.

The Daily Telegraph's special from Pera says Turkey wishes to have Mr. Cave as financial administrator. England's intentions are unknown, but it is understood she will not nominate a financier for Turkey until peace is definitely established. A Vienna telegram to the same paper states that England, as well as Russia, had advised Prince Milan to conclude peace if he can do so on proper terms.

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County, and found it honest, but in Jackson county they found evidence of two hundred and fifty fraudulent Democratic votes, which they proceeded to set forth very fully. They state that they found many indications of fraud and much intimidation of voters at precious to the same paper states that England, as well as Russia, had advised Prince Milan to conclude peace in the reconstruction of th as Russia, had advised Prince Milan to con-clude peace of he can do so on proper terms. The conditions offered by Turkey are preser-vation of the status quo ante-bellum, coupled with certain guarantees to be settled during

the negotiations against the recommence ment of hostilities by Servia. A Paris correspondent of the Telegram announces positively that Gortschakoff has resolved to retire, and his resignation is merely a question of a few days. Councellor Walprogressive liberal, is his probable successor. The Telegraph's correspondent at Paris declares that the Russian army of the south is about to be withdrawn. Only eighty isand men will remain as a corps of ob-

Mexican President Iglesias Decline Proferred Aid of American Officers. SAN FRANCISCO, January 29.—Referring the statement of the New York Herald's Washington correspondent of the twentyseventh instant, that a number of American officers had concluded to offer their services to Iglesias and to raise a force in the southwest to invade Mexico and establish his claim, Iglesias yesterday stated that the information in the telegram was correct. "There are,"
he said, "many reasons why this movement
by my friends in this country can be of no assistance to me in my efforts to bring about a change of government in Mexico, and I shall advise my friends of the conclusion at which I have arrived. For this purpose

intend to proceed east as soon as possible. Attempted Assassination, Resulting in Serious Riot. New York, January 29 .- A Columbia South Carolina, dispatch says that at two sclock in the morning on the twenty-seventh policemen special were wounded, when the

white force returned to town. The Kansas Senatorship. Topeka, January 29 .- Tenth Ballot .- Osborn, 44: Plumb. 32; Simons, 25; Harrey, 23; Sears, 23; Martin, 8; Stillings, 3; Shanon, 2; Elder and Fenlon, each one.

Elerenth—Sears gained two; Martin and

WASHINGTON.

Adjournment of the Supreme Court-Result of the Republican Senatorial Caucus-Morton Means Mischief.

Judge David Davis-Alexander Stephens Dying-Report from the Radical Senatorial Committee on Florida.

The Louisiana Returning Board-Congressional Proceedings Justice Davis Declines the Commissionership, which will be Filled To-Day

Washington, January 29.—Senator San gent to-day submitted to the senate the re port of the special committee that body appointed to investigate the election matters in Florida. After reciting the resolutions under which the committee acted, and setting out the election law of Flori la, it proceeds to state and discuss the action of the State can vassing board, showing that it made a preliminary canvass of the returns on their facing, giving the Hayes electors forty-five majority. The board then commenced to hear the contests, holding its sessions in public. The committee say that the course subsequently pursued by the board in this matter was exactly in accordance with its practice in 1874, when by the written advice of the Democratic attorney-general and of Democratic lawyers, it went behind the returns for the benefit of the Democratic party. The result of this canvass was one hundred and three majority for the Hayes electors. The committee argue at length that this count was legal and constitutional, and that the board had a right to seek the truth behind he returns under the statute which created

"A statute invited pro bono publico to pre vent election frauds should be beneficially construed." The report then goes on to argue that the finding of the board is conclusive, and cannot be revised by a re-canvass, or reached by a writ of quo warranto, because the electors are functus officers, or reversed by congress, because the constitution lodges the whole power in the State. A great many authorities are cited to sustain these posi-New York, January 28.—The Herald's aris cable says: "A rumor has reached here at Prince Gortschakoff, the Russian chan-llor, has tendered by received to sustain these positions. A distinction is drawn, however, in the case of the ministerial certificate of the governor, who is not a member of the board, and has no power to decide anything. It is to the election of five commissioners, after which the house adjourned. The administering of the oath to Senator-land his received by the received his received by the received his received by the received his receive

> imony in detail. In Alachua county the both the Archer No. 1 and No. 2 precincts, and report asserts that instead of Republican fraud there was a Democratic fraud of over one hundred votes in these precincts. The committee quotes largely from testimony and present a considerable amount of argument in support of this assertion. They also present evidence to show that a railroad train of passengers voted the Tilden ticket in Waldo precinct, although citizens of other States. In regard to Baker and Duvall States. counties, the committee say it is shown that the State board decided that the only legal

> apparent that there is a vital difference between the two cases, and say if the face of the returns is to rule it should rule in Baker county, where, at most, there was a mis-guided zeal as well as in Jackson, where there was premeditated rascality in counting all the

precinct several days after they were signed and delivered to the county clerk, and un-authorized persons made the canvass in another precinct, the officers signing the re-turns having no personal knowledge of their correctness. In Jefferson and Columbia counties there was violent intimidation of olored voters and social and business proscription. In many counties a system of marked tickets was employed to compel col-ored men to vote the Democratic ticket, the details of which are fully set out. Other counties and topics are also discussed in detail. The report was adopted by all the Reublican members of the committee on priv-

Republican Senators in Caucus. Washington, January 29 .- The Republian senators were in caucus to-day nearly two ours, and, without coming to any conclu-ion, adjourned till three o'clock. The whole time was consumed in a general discussion— first, whether the passage of the electoral bill was a Republican surrender; and, second whether the Republican members of the com nission should consist of the advocates of the so-called surrender or of the opponents of the

The Democratic senators may not have a caucus, as it seems understood that Sena-tors Thurman and Bayard will be selected to represent them at the commission.

At an adjourned meeting of the senate Republican caucus this evening, Senators Morton and Frelinghuysen were unanimously chosen to be members of the senate branch of the tripartite electoral commission, and they will be formally elected by the senate to-

Alexander H. Stephens Dying. Washington, January 29.-Alexander H. Stephens is dying of pelvic neuralgia. He suffers great pain, which is only partially relieved by subcutaneous injection. His mind

Several Weeks Longer. Washington, January 29.—The investigation by the committee on the powers, privileges and duties of the house in counting the electoral vote is likely to continue several weeks, as the sergeant-at-arms has sent spe-cial deputies to Ohio and elsewhere for wit-

Judge Davis, Senator-Elect. Washington, January 29.—A friend of Associate-Justice Davis furnishes the follow-

ury decision as to his acceptance of the sena-

Supreme Court Adjourned. Washinton, January 29.—The suprem February on account of the impending with drawal of five or the justices to form the judicial branch of the tripartite electoral

The Louisiana Returning Boarders. Washington, January 29.—The committee on the powers, privileges and duties of the house in counting the electoral votes recalled Louis M. Kenner, of the Louisiana returning board, when Mr. Lawrence objected to his further examination on the ground that the committee had no authority to produce the witness, who was in the custody of the servent at the committee had no authority to produce the witness, who was in the custody of the servent at the committee had no authority to produce the witness, who was in the custody of the servent at the committee had no authority to produce the witness. geant-at-arms for contempt, without the con-sent of the house; but the objections were overruled by a vote of four to three. As to the return from Vernon parish, the witness had no doubt of the originality of the paper presented on which he had written the word presented on which he had written the word "compile;" had not thought why one hundred and seventy-eight votes had been transferred from the Tilden to the Hares side; knew of nothing done to those returns in the board. The Louisiana committee sent for the papers upon which Kenner's examination was based, in order to examine the witness who brought them from New Orleans, and the committee adjourned for a short time. Justice Davis Declines to Serve on the

Commission.

Washington, January 29.—Associate-Jusce Davis, as soon as the electoral bill passed both houses, constituting the electoral-vote commission, notified his associates and other friends that, in the event of his being offered the fifth place in the judicial branch of the commission, under no circumstances would be allow his name to be used in this connection.

He considers it indelicate, after being elected senator to take the position, which might be open to criticism, and refuses absolutely to reconsider his decision.

The Fifth Supreme Justice to be Selected To-Day. Washington, January 29.—Associate-Justices Clifford, Strong, Miller and Field, the four members of the supreme court required by the electoral act to serve on the judicial branch of the commission, were this evening each furnished with a certified copy of the act by the secretary of state. They will meet to-morrow and select a fifth associate

in accordance with its provisions. Congressional Proceedings. WASHINGTON, January 29 .- A bill was introduced and referred ig the house, providing that the first session of every congress shall begin on the fourth of March. The amend-ment to the bill authorizing the payment of the first five-hundred-thousand-dollar instalment on the Eads jetties was lost, and the bill went over. Mr. Payne gave notice, after the announcement that the President had signed the electoral bill, that he would move at one o'clock to-morrow that the house pro-

TELEGRAPHIC MISCELLANY.

Pittsburg, January 29: William M. Hartzell, chief-of-police of this city, resigned to-Washington, January 28: The President, who yesternay visited Baltimore, did not re-furn fill ten a clock last night Philadelphia, January 29: Antonio Blitz, the magician, died at his residence in this city to-day, aged sixty-seven years.

Omaha, January 29: Unusually mild weather has succeeded the very severe weather which has prevailed for some time past. London, January 29: The amount of bul-ion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was two hundred and fourteen

Indianapolis, January 28: The loss by the Academy of Music fire will probably not exceed one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Littl Rock, January 29: Sam Bremer, a Cherokee, at Gibson station, Cherokee Na-tion, on Friday had both legs amputated, having been frozen by the recent cold spell.

Rome, January 29: The ultramontane or-gan, the *Unta Catholic*, admits that the pope has kept his bed for two days, and does not of senile epilepsy. New York, January 29: Three Chinamen quarreled yesterday, at No. 17 Forsythe street, while distributing the earnings from

the sales of cigars, and one of them, Ah Fong, was fatally struck with a hatchet. New York, January 29: The Mutual life insurance company, Newark, New Jersey, has gone out of business. Its thirteen thou-sand policy-holders have been reinsured in the National Capital life insurance company

Hallowell, January 28: The large boardinghouse on Second street, of J. G. Cumming, was burned to-night; loss small, but while the furniture was being removed an explosion occurred in one of the rooms, supposed to be gunpowder, seriously injuring four persons. Newark, N. J., January 29: The secretary of state reports that the New Jersey life insurance company is over four hundred thou-sand dollars short, and has applied tor a receiver. He does not recognize the transfer to the National Capital life insurance com-

New York, January 28: J. B. Ford & Co. publishers, have gone into bankruptcy for the second time, having failed to carry out the terms of the first compromise with their creditors. They now offer thirty cents on the dollar, payable in sixteen monthly instal-

New York, January 28: The steamer Celtic brought to this port the captain and three of the crew of the schooner Island Belle, from St. Johns, New Foundland, for Boston, aban-doned on January 24th. The captain of the schooner reports that four of the crew died from cold and exposure.

Pittsburg, January 28: A dispatch from Connellsville says that Tennants, Boyles & Co.'s foundry was destroyed by fire this morn-ing at five o'clock. Loss, fifteen thousand dollars; insured. The Baltimore house, adjoining, was also destroyed. Loss, three sand dollars; insured. New York, January 28: Nathaniel Lehn-

heim, junior member of the banking firm of Lehnheim & Son, Montrose, Pennsylvania, was arrested here yesterday, charged with presenting for discount at the Importers and Traders bank a forged note for ten thousand tollars. Lehnheim pleaded not guilty. Washington, January 28: This afternoon while Attorney-General Taft's family were driving down Thirteenth street the horses took fright and ran away. Turning the cor-ner at F street one of the horses fell, the re-

and Bayard. The proceedings of the caucus this afternoon was entirely harmonious.

Alexander H. H. H. London Londo London, January 29: A special from Ma-deria announces that Lieutenant Young, of was found by the roadside a short distance the Livingstone mission to Africa, is coming to England. He reports that the mission had great effect upon the slaves there. Only thirty-eight slaves were sent to the coast in 1876, although the traffic previously amounted.

It is supposed that some of the gang of footthirty-eight slaves were sent to the coast in 1876, although the traffic previously amounted

to many thousands annually. Washington, January 28: G. W. Griffin in the marsh, and then rifled his pockets and arrived here, bringing full power as the min- stole his boots. ister from the government of the Samoan Islands to treat with our own, but has not had Coionel Gordon, the African Explorer. an interview with the secretary of state.

GRANT APPROVES

The Electoral Vote Bill, and it is Now Law-He also Gives His Reasons for Executive Indorsement at Length.

The Bill May Not be Perfect Enough to Stand for All Time, but it is Enough so to Meet the Present Great Emergency.

Besides the Country Needs Peace, and Quiet, and Harmony, between All Parties and All Sections, therefore He Signs the Bill.

Washington, January 29.—The following the text of the President's message con-

erning the electoral bill: To the Senate of the United States I follow the example heretofore occasionally presented, of communicating in this mode my approval of the act to provide for and regulate the counting of the votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, because of my appre-ciation of the eminent peril to the institutions of the country, from which, in my judgment, the act affords wise and constitutional means f escape. For the first time in the history of our country, under the constitution as it i now, dispute exists with regard to the result of the election of a chief magnetrate of the nation. It is understood that upon the dis-position of the disputes touching the electoral rotes cast at the late election by one or more of the States depends the question whether one or the other of the candidates for the Presidency is the lawful chief magistrate. The importance of having clearly ascertained by procedure regulated by law which of the two citizens has been elected, and of who, having the right to this high office, recognized and cheerfully agreed in by all the people of the republic cannot be overestimated, and leads me to express to congress and to the nation my great satisfaction at the adoption of a measure that affords orderly means of tion of a measure that affords orderly means of decision of gravely exciting questions. While the history of our country in its early periods shows that the president of the senate has counted the votes and declared their standing, our whole history shows that in no in-stance of doubt or dispute has he exercised the power of deciding, and that the two houses of congress have disposed of all such doubts and disputes, although in no instance hitherto have they been such that their de-cision could ossentially have affected the result. For the first time, then, the government of the United States is now brought to meet the question as one vital to the result, and this under conditions not the best calculated to produce agreement or to induce a government or among the people of the country. In a case where, as now, the result is involved, it is the highest duty of the lawmaking power to provide in advance a constitutional, orderly and just method of executing the constitution in this most interesting and critical clause of its provisions. The bill, so far from being a compromise of the right, is an enforcement of the right and an titution on congress. I think that this order

w method has been secured by the bill, which ppealing to the constitution and law as a nide in ascertaining the rights, provides means of deciding questions of single re-turns through direct action of congress, and n respect to double returns by a tribunal of inquiry, whose decisions stand unless both houses of congress shall concur in determining otherwise, thus securing a definite dispo sition of all questions of dispute in whatever aspect they may arise. With or without this law, as all the States have voted, it is impossible, it must be that one of the two candidates has been elected, and it would be deplorable to witness an irregular controversy as to which of the two should receive, or which continue to hold the London, January 29: The American spiritualist Slade, sentenced to five months confinement at hard work, had his sentence quashed on an appeal, on a legal technicality.

Cincinnati, January 28: Charles Dodsworth, while on a drunken spree, shot and instantly killed Henry Sasse, a saloon-keeper of Cumminsville, one of the suburbs of this sity.

office. In all records of history controversice have arisen as to succession or choice of chiefs of States, and no party or citizen loving their country and its free institutions can sacrifice too much of mere feeling in preserving, through upright course of law, their country from the smallest danger to its peace on such and it cannot be impressed too firmly in the hearts of all people that true liberty and real progress can accession; and it cannot be impressed too firmly in the hearts of all people that true liberty and real progress can accession; and it cannot be impressed too firmly in the hearts of all people that true liberty and real progress can accession or choice of chiefs of States, and no party or citizen loving their country and its free institutions can sacrifice too much of mere feeling in present the proper season for bedding plants on the green-houses and hotheds). All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. All the fine qualities of bedding plants of the short notice. adherence to constitutional law. The bill purports to provide only for the settlement of mestions arising from recent elections. The fact that such questions can arise demonstrates the necessity—which I cannot doubt will, before long—be supplied, of permanent general legislation to meet cases which have not been contemplated in the constitution or laws of the country. The bill may not be perfect, and its provisions may not be such as would be best applicable to all future occasions, but it is calculated to meet the present conditions of the questions of the country. The country is agitated; it needs and it desires peace and quiet and harmony between all parties and all sections. Its industries are arrested, labor unemployed, capital idle and enterprise paralyzed by reason of doubt and anxiety attending the uncertainty of a double claim to the chief magistracy of the nation. It wants to be assured that the result of the from the supporters of the disappointed can-didate, and that its highest officer shall not

> give it my signature. U. S. GRANT. EXECUTIVE MANSION, January 29, 1877. ST. LOUIS.

hold his place with a questioned title of right. Believing that the bill will secure these ends,

Bloody Work-Two Murders in One Night-An Old Man Murdered and

Sr. Louis, January 29 .- A most brutal and unprovoked inurder was committed about one o'clock this morning at the Comique theater, on Pine street, between Third and Fourth. t appears that William Wiener, the night watchman, and serving as what is called the "bouncer" of the theater, accused Lawrence Mack, the assistant barkeeper of the establishment, with making some disparaging re-marks about him to the head barkeeper, which Mack denied; whereupon the ruffian drew his revolver and shot Mack in the neck, killing him almost instantly. Mack was a very slight and small man, while Wiener is great, burly, broad shouldered bully, and is under bonds for attempting to kill his wife a

LATER. The proper name of the young man murdered at the Comique theater this morning was A. V. Lawrence. He was formerly from Cambridge, Ohio. Wiener, his murderer. was arrested early this morning and placed

was committed some time last night about seven miles from the city. An old man named John Bishop, seventy-five years of age, well known in that section, had been at the Seven-Mile house with some friends during the pads who have infested that part of the country during the winter suffocated the old mar

LIVERPOOL, January 29 .- A special to the is not known whether he will recognized as the minister from that country, as he holds a commission as United States consul.

Post from London says that Colonel Gordon, the explorer, who has returned from his expedition into the interior of Africa under the auspicies of the khedive, and who arrived in

CHICKASAW IRON WORKS!

No. 08 SECOND STREET, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, Iron and Brass Founders and Machinists

Circuit Judge Carpenter Declares that Neither Hampton nor Chamberlain were Legally Installed The Latter Holds Over.

Columbia, January 29.—Circuit Judge Carpenter rendered the following decision toy, on his return from Washington: First-I find, as conclusions of the law, that

D. H. Chamberlain was not, on the seventh of December last, legally installed as gov-ernor of South Carolina. Second-Wade Hampton was not, on the fourteenth of December, 1878, legally installed into the office of governor of that

Third—The attempted installation of D. H. Chamberlain being illegal and void it did not operate in law, as the resignation of the office as governor, which he held at that time, as by the constitution, he (as governor) holds his office for two years and until his successor is chosen and qualified; and as there has been no legal qualification of his successor, D. H. Chamberlain is lawfully of possession of the executive office and entitled to discharge the akes place. A case similar to the one that induced the above is now pending in the supreme court.

Hartford, Ct., January 28: Merriman's lock, on Ford street, in which are located the Plimpton manufacturing company, Seid-ler & May's furniture manufactory and Geo. D. Bartlett's clothing store, was totally destroyed by an incendiary fire this morning. Fotal loss, two hundred and twenty thousand lollars; insurance, one hundred and forty-our thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

DIED.

Funeral this (TUESDAY) amernoon, at 3 o'clock, from 229 Madison street. Friends of the family are EARLY-The friends and acquaintances of John Early are invited to attend the funeral of his wife, from 84 Alabama street, this (TUESDAY) after-

noon, at 2 o'clock. Knights of Pythias. PEGULAR meeting of Memphis Lodge.
No. 6, K. of P., will be held this
TUESDAY) evening, at 71g o'clock. Business meeting of month.
Transfent Knights fraternally invited.
By order
J. WOOD, C. C.
W. H. ATKINSON, K. of R. and S. St. Andrew's Guild.

80th, at 712 o'clock. REV. GEORGE WHITE, President. THIS is to notify whom it may concern, that W. P. Bond, Sr., H. L. Taylor, and J. D. Read, doing business in Bollvar county, Miss., under the firm name of Bond, Taylor & Read, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, W. P. Bond, Sr., and H. L. Tay-

I. O. O. P'. on of the officers of Bartlett Lodge on

NOTICE. THE undersigned would be pleased to confer with holders of Bonds Issued by Lowndes and Monoe counties, Miss., to the Selma, Marion and Membris R. R., and the Bonds Issued by the town of Okoona, Miss., to the Vicksburg, Nashville and Eastern R. B. RICHMOND, 291 Main street.

FLOWERS! A T No. 301 MAIN STREET, next door to Zelner's and varied stock of Winter Blooming Flowers, that will be converted into beautiful Crosses. Wreaths

AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 1st. The committee reserve the right to reject any and all bids. HENRY LUHBMANN. Chairman Committee on Privileges.

BY AUTHORITY. BY AUTHORITY.

AN ACT authorizing the city of Memphis to grant the United States a site for a Customhouse and other public buildings, and ceding the jurisdiction to the United States of the ground so granted.

Wiffereas, An Act of the Legislature, passed March 23, 1875, has been considered somewhat indefinite as to the property therein described, now, with the view of making more certain the legislature intent, therefore

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. That the city of Memphis be, and is hereby empowered, to grant to the United States a portion of the public promenade, described as follows: "Beginning at a point where the west line of Front street intersects the north line of the first alley south of Madison street; and running thence northward with the west line of Front street increase hundred and sixty four 25-100 feet to a stake; thence southward, parallel to the west line of Front street, three hundred and sixty-four 25-100 feet to a stake; thence southward, parallel to the west line of Front street, three hundred and sixty-four 25-100 feet to a stake; and thence castward, with the north line of the first alley south of Madison street, to the beginning"—for the purpose of having erected thereon a United States.

BEC. 2. Be if further enacted, That the jurisdiction of the Child States.

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Passed January 17, 1877.

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flect and be in force from and after its passage, to sublic welfare requiring the same.

Passed January 17, 1877.

E. T. TALLIPERRO.

Speaker or the Honse of Representatives.

H. M. McADOO. Approved January 17, 1877.

JAMES D. PORTER, Governor. I. C. N. Gibbs, Secretary of the State of Tenness ee do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Act of the Fortleth General Assembly of Tennessee, the original of which is now on file in my office.

CHARLES N. GIBBS.

\$500 REWARD.

reting. THEREAS, it has been made known to me that a WHEREAS, it has been made known to me that a Wertain unknown person, charged with having committed a foul and atroctous murder on the 15th day of January, 1877, upon the body of Mrs. Mary Conners, late of our county of Shelby, has fied from justice, and is now running at large:

Now, therefore, I, JAMPS D. PORTER, Governor as aforesaid, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby offer a reward of Five Hundred Dollars for the apprehension and conviction of said unknown murderer, in order that justice in that behalf may be had and executed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herely of the State to be affixed, at Nashville, on the 23d day of January, 1877.

By the Governor:

JAMES D. PORTER.

CHAS. N. GIBES, Secretary of State.

LESTABLISHED 1840.1 GKUULKS

COTTON FACTORS No. 1 Exchange Building, 168 Front street, Memphis, Tennessee. Are prepared to handle WHEAT on countries-

-AND-

JNO. REID, BUILDER parties having losses by fire, or any work in my line.

RANDLE, HEATH & LIVERMORE, Prop'rs,

SOUTH CAROLINA. ORDERS FROM REX!

Reduced Fares

TO MEMPHIS.

The Balloon Ascension

W HEREAR, By Royal Proclamation, the Kiso has declared his intention to enter His Loyal city of MEMPHIS on the 12th day of February, 1877; WHEREAS, It is His sovereign pleasure that His subjects shall assemble to honor His imperial Person.

Now, for the better execution of HIs will, and for the comfort and economy of HIs people, IT IS DE-

AD STORM inctions of the same until such qualification

Res place.

Be and is hereby empowered to take charge of all Warm Charrs touching at the good port of Max-BARNEY HUGHES and JAS. SPEED Be and are hereby clothed with plenary power over all RAILWAYS in His Majesty's realm. And that they will, without delay, order the Mas-TERS of the Said WAYER CRAFTS, and the OFFICERS

of the said RAILWAYS, to promulgate REDUCED RATES OF FARE To and from MEMPHIS; AND, that their authority may be respected. His Majesty, the King, has created the aforesaid AD. STORM ADMIRAL of the FLEETS, and the aforesaid Barner Hughes and James Speed Quartermasters-General, with the rank of Grand Marshals of the Empire.

AND, It is further decreed that

Be and is hereby empowered to take charge of the ROYAL MONSTER BALLOON, Which is to convey His Majesty's Couriers to His distant dominious; and to do all and everything thereunto pertaining. AND that his authority may be respected, His Majesty, the KING, has created the said Peter Tracy Generalissimo of His Airt KINGDOM.
Issued from the PALACK OF MISRULE, this 20th day of January, 1877.

PUCK,
Pursulvant to the King.

ISLAND HOUSE, Cedar Keys, : : : : Florida.

THIS house having been completely renovated and enlarged, by the addition of a large dining-room and kitchen, has now largely increased accummodations. With the aid of a good corps of assistants, and the exhaustless supplies of our unrivaled fish, orsters and game, the house is enabled to offer its patrons a bill of fare to satisfy the most featidous. fastidious.

Transportation furnished at short notice to all points along the coast, not accessible to steamers, in comfortable yield boats. ner for Tampa and Manatee leaves every Fri-

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New Map of Memphis

Wills & Wildberger,

Stationers. Booksellers.

Printers BLANKBOOK MANUFACTURERS No. 317 Main Street,

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

State National Bank AT MEMPHIS.

At Close of Business, January 20, 1877.

2.984-31 \$713,116 69 \$270,000 00

Dividends unpate individual deposits subject to check \$294,119 96 Demand certificates of

Due to State Banks and STATE OF TENNESSEE, 1 85. County of Shelby, Ss.
I. J. A. Hayes, Jr., Cashier of the above-named ank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. A. HAYES, Jr., Cashier. obserbed and sworn to before me this 27th da

of January, 1877.

M. B. TREZEVANT, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: A. Woodruff, B. K. Plain, H.

OLIVER, FINNIE & CO

GROCERS,

Memphis, : : : Tennessee 200 Hogsheads Sugar, all kinds.
200 Barrels N. Y. Refined Sugar.
500 Bags Rio Coffee.
100 Bags Old Government Java Coffee.
50 Tierces Hams.
50 Boxes Breakfast Bacon.
1000 Buckets Fairbank's Lard.
50 Half-barrels Fairbank's Lard.
30 Tierces Fairbank's Lard.
100 Cases 3, 6 and 10 pound Tin Lard.
100 Barrels Louistana Elice.
25 Tierces South Carolina Bice.
50 Barrels Missouri Cider.
25 gross Bixby's Best Blacking.